

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 16, as follows:

The operator control module also includes a shaft collar 122, a shaft clamp trigger 124, a shaft anti-rotation pad 126, and a joystick portion 130. The shaft collar 122 is located on the opposite end of the operator control module 100 from the engaging mechanism 120, and the endoscope shaft 140 thus passes through the shaft collar 122 on one end of the operator control module and then through the engaging mechanism 120 on the other end of the operator control module. A handle extends outwardly from the engaging mechanism 120 and the shaft collar 122 such that the handle is spaced axially away from the axis of the endoscope shaft. As will be described in more detail below, the shaft clamp trigger 124 positioned between the U-shaped handle and the shaft anti-rotation pad 126 is utilized for engaging and disengaging the operator control module 100 from the endoscope shaft 140 and the shaft anti-rotation pad 126 is utilized to prevent the endoscope shaft 140 from rotating while the endoscope shaft 140 is fixedly engaged by the operator control module 100. The joystick portion 130 positioned on the U-shaped handle is utilized for the joystick for controlling the movement and operation of the distal end of the endoscope.